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South Dakota Department of Education  
**Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting**

Oct. 17th and 18th, 2005 - 12:00 pm  
STAR Academy  
Custer, South Dakota

Chairperson- Ms. Karn Barth      Vice-chairperson- Ms. Michele Cogley

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Bernie Grimme  
Connie McClintock  
Gail Eichstadt  
Greg Cooch  
Jim Dunston  
Judy Hoscheid  
Karn Barth  
Lisa Heckenlaible  
Mark Krogstrand  
Greg Riley

**Members Absent**

Bertina Larcher  
Nicole Haneke  
Michele Cogley  
Todd Christensen  
Amanda Lautenschlager  
Barb Koenders  
Heather Stettnichs

**Staff Members**

Julie Carpenter

Ann Larsen

Merle Doolittle

**Guest Speaker**

Wayne Ball

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

**Date**

**Call to Order**

Karn Barth, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm and made opening remarks.

**Welcome/Introduction/Opening Remark**

Introductions were made. Ann Larsen, State Special Education Director, introduced herself and gave opening remarks. Ann introduced Wayne Ball from Mountain Plains Regional Resource Center.

**Approval of Agenda**

Lisa Heckenlaible moved to accept the agenda for the October 17 & 18, 2005 meeting as presented, seconded by Greg Cooch. .

**Approval of Minutes from the, July 21st, 2005 Advisory Panel Meeting**

The meeting minutes from July 21st, 2005 were reviewed with no additions or corrections noted. Bernie Grimme moved to accept the minutes as written, motion was seconded by Mark Krogstrand. Motion carried.

### **Director's Comments**

Ann Larsen, Director, SEP, shared information from the South Dakota HOUSSE Standards. Ann talked about the Center for Improving Teacher Quality National Invitational Forum she attended for State Directors. This meeting was held in San Diego. The main topic of discussion was Highly Qualified Teachers. Ann reported on the changes that have been made in Special Education concerning Highly Qualified Teachers.

Special Education Programs will be providing study guides for teachers needing to take the Praxis Exam. Study sessions will be held in November at Black Hills State, USD, and Dakota State. Three or four regional sessions will also be held in January, March and April. Melody Schopp, Director of the Office of Accreditation and Teacher Quality, and Ann Larsen will be taking the HOUSSE Rules back to the State Board of Education for clarification. Special Ed Directors will receive these clarifications.

### **Navigator Program**

Information on the Navigator Program was given to panel members. Ann explained the goals of the Navigator Program. This program should improve the negotiating process between parents and the school. It should promote conflict resolution. Nate Anderson is the State Navigator and there will be regional people under him. Parents or the school may request the Navigator Program for help.

### **Alternate Assessment Roll Out and Flow Charts**

Alternate Assessment meetings will be held in Rapid City, Pierre and Sioux Falls in January for interested teachers. Alternate Content Standards have been sent out to all schools. Ann is checking to see if Alternate Assessment information can be put on the website. Flow Charts will be distributed at these meetings also.

### **Handouts**

Handouts on the Special Education endorsement were given to panel members.

### **Praxis**

The panel discussed the cost of taking the Praxis Exam. Some teachers will be required to take two Praxis tests, plus coursework. SEP discussed bringing in a task force to help with this.

### **Project Skills**

Julie Carpenter and Bernie Grimme reported on the 2005 National Leadership Summit on Improving Results and the National Transition Conference held in Washington, D.C., this past summer. Bernie presented a Project Skills video from this conference.

### **SPP**

Wayne Ball went over the State Performance Plan (SPP). It is a six year plan containing twenty rigorous targets. He discussed the evolution and expectations for the SPP and APR. The SPP must be reviewed every six years. The state will collect the data and report on it annually. The state determines targets for the indicators in the SPP. The targets must reflect improvement. The state will report annually to the public on performance.

### **Closing Remarks**

Julie Carpenter thanked Jim Dunston for hosting this Advisory Panel meeting at the STAR Academy.

### **Adjournment**

Mark Krostrand motioned to adjourn the meeting and Bernie Grimme seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

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**Meeting Reconvened**

**Priorities**

Julie Carpenter presented handouts on Priorities that were developed and revised again last year.

Priority # 1 - SPP/APP. State Performance Plan

Activities: Monitor the needs of the indicators

- a. SSP / APR (6yr)
- b. Rules and regulate indicator

Priority # 2 - Addressing State and Federal Regulations (State administrative Rules / Eligibility Rules and Criteria)

Activities: It was suggested that Ross Taylor present to the panel members concerning the changes made to the Parental Rights Handbook. It was also suggested that SD Department of Education have a specific website link found on the Advisory Panel webpage identifying new events, and another link for the Parental Rights Handbook. Panel members mentioned that the Parent Connection's website should also contain an online link to the Advisory Panel's webpage.

Priority # 3 - Child Find (Early Identification)  
Emotionally disturbed

Activities:

1. Identify disability
2. Generate information
3. Eligibility Criteria (child as a whole)

Priority # 4 - The Advisory Panel will comment and provide support on Highly Qualified Teachers.

Activities:

1. Present on the final regulations
2. Speaker from the Board of Regents
3. Presentation from Parent's Advisory Committee
4. Report on Navigator Project
5. Report on Project Enrich

**Proposed Agenda Items:**

Update final regulations

SPP

Timeline for state regulations

Information on the study sessions for Praxis

**Upcoming Meeting**

January 18, 2006 - 2:30 pm - 5:00 pm - central time

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**Adjournment**

Jim Dunston motioned to adjourn the meeting and Connie McClintock seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

